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- 11. (S) On September 22 PolOff delivered the talking points and non-paper from REFTEL to Gonzalo de Salazar, the MFA's Deputy DG for Non-Proliferation & Disarmament, and Carlos Torres Vidal, Counselor for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament. As the non-paper is classified, neither GOS official had advance knowledge of the specifics of the non-paper and could only give an initial reaction to its contents. While Torres agreed that the matter was serious, Salazar opined that if Iran were reselling Chinese arms to anti-Coalition militia forces in Iraq, Tehran would bear more responsibility than would Beijing.
- 12. (SBU) Separately, Embassy Madrid EconOff has reached out to deliver the non-paper to contacts at the Bank of Spain. Aquirre